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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the detailed examination evidenced by the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006 (hereinafter "Office Action"), and more particularly, the allowance of Claims 8-12. Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 13 and 20 to incorporate the recitations of Claims 2, 14, and 21, and Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 13 and 20, as amended, are patentable over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,983,090 to Aoki ("Aoki") and U.S. Patent No. 6,898,425 to Wilhelmsson et al. ("Wilhelmsson") cited in rejecting Claims 2, 14 and 21. Applicants have amended independent Claims 18 and 25 along similar lines to Claims 1, 13 and 21, and Applicants submit that these claims, as amended, are patentable for at least similar reasons. Dependent Claims 3-6, 15 and 22 have been amended to maintain consistency with the amended independent claims.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to include recitations from Claim 2, which now recites:

A method of configuring a wireless base station of a wireless mobile data communications system, the method comprising:

determining a port number and/or an internet address to be assigned to the wireless base station;

communicating a datagram including the assigned port number and/or internet address in a destination field of a header of the datagram from a controller of the wireless mobile data communications system to the wireless base station via a backbone network of the wireless mobile data communications system; and

responsive to receipt of the datagram at the wireless base station, configuring the wireless base station to accept datagrams addressed to the assigned port number and/or internet address.

In rejecting Claim 2, the Office Action concedes that Aoki "does not teach a datagram including the assigned port number/internet address in a destination field of a header of the datagram," but asserts that Wilhelmsson provides this missing teaching. Office Action p. 3. In particular, the Office Action cites column 6, lines 25-30 and column 9, lines 15-20 of Wilhelmsson and asserts "it would have been obvious . . . to comprises (sic) the fields taught by the configuration cell of Wilhelmsson et al as destination field in the transmitted packet as taught in Aoki so that cell is transmitted to base station." Office Action, p. 3.

Applicants respectfully disagree. The first cited passage from Wilhelmsson refers to Fig. 8, which shows "an exemplary data structure used in the radio base stations 509-511 for

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storing cell configuring data." Wilhelmsson, column 6, lines 24-26. The second cited passage from Wilhelmsson merely states:

The first radio base station 509 receives the configure cell signal 611 and initiates a new cell configuration data record (see FIG. 8) with the configuring data defining the new packet data cell, i.e. the cell identity, location area identity, routing area identity, BVCI value and NSEI value.

There appears to be nothing in these passages about datagram configuration, much less anything that teaches or suggests "a datagram including the assigned port number and/or internet address in a destination field of a header of the datagram" as recited in amended Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Wilhelmsson does not provide the teachings alleged in the Office Action, and that, therefore, the combination and Aoki and Wilhelmsson does not disclose or suggest all of the recitations of amended independent Claim 1. For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that amended independent Claim 1 is patentable. Applicants submit that amended independent Claims 13, 18, 20 and 25 are patentable for at least similar reasons. Applicants further submit that dependent Claims 3-7, 15-17, 19, 22-24 and 26 are patentable at least by virtue of the patentability of the various ones of independent Claims 1, 13, 18, 20 and 25 from which they depend.

Applicants have submitted a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) concurrently herewith. Applicants request consideration of the references therein and acknowledge thereof by return of a copy of the initialed form PTO-1449.

As all of the claims are now in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims and passing of the application to issue in due course. Applicants urge the Examiner to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (919) 854-1400 to resolve any remaining formal issues.

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